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Advisory Action

The restriction in the action dated 8/4/2008 is deemed proper because new limitations were added in claims 24-25 which are outside the scope of the original claims.

The claims as originally filed recite: manually entering values of a motor output, then automatically determining a motor input power setting based upon the manually entered values.

The newly added claims recite: manually entering values of a motor output, then **manually** setting the motor input power setting after observing the determined motor input power setting.

The added limitations clearly require a second level of user intervention that is additional and distinct from the originally filed limitations, which only requires a first level of user intervention. Additionally, the original limitations can be considered as directed towards a fully automated motor input power determination system; while the newly added limitations can be considered as directed towards a manual, or at most a partially automated motor input power determination system.

The restriction is deemed proper and made final. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP 821.03.

The applicant argues that T1 and T2 cannot be the manual values as well the automatically motor input power settings.

Fig. 22 shows potentiometer 322, which allows a user to manually enter the torque value T1; and potentiometer 326 which allows the user to manually set the value of torque value T2 [col. 18 lines 1-7; col. 18 lines 33-44].

After the values of T1 and T2 are manually entered by potentiometer inputs, these manual values are then operated upon by microprocessor, thereby resulting in the automatically determined motor input power settings- [per col. 7 lines 16-38, col. 11 lines 5-35].

Therefore torque values T1 and T2 satisfy BOTH sets of requirements- initially they are manually entered, and then they are processed by microprocessor to result in automatically determined values for input to the motor.

Conclusion

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